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SUBJ: FORMER VICE PRESIDENT LOPEZ VISITS AILING BROTHER IN
SAN FRANCISCO

1. FORMER VICE PRESIDENT FERNANDO LOPEZ DEPARTED MARCH 13 FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO VISIT ONLY BROTHER EUGENIO LOPEZ, SR., WHO REPORTEDLY TERMINALLY ILL WITH CANCER OF THE PROSTATE. IN STATEMENT ISSUED BEFORE DEPARTURE AND PUBLISHED IN MARCH 14 MANILA PRESS, LOPEZ THANKED PRESIDENT MARCOS FOR ALLOWING HIM TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES TO VISIT BROTHER. IN RETURN FOR MARCOS' GENEROSITY, LOPEZ PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT AND HIS REFORMS. HE SAID, "THE PATRIOTIC LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT WITH THE ABLE SUPPORT AND INSPIRATION OF THE FIRST LADY DESERVES EVERYONE'S SUPPORT AND COOPERATION."

2. COMMENT: LOPEZ IS TRAVELING ON A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. HE INFORMED CON GEN THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY IN US FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND ONLY PLANS TO VISIT BROTHER. HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY ERNESTO DEL ROSARIO, A CLOSE FRIEND AND FORMER PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER FOR VARIOUS LOPEZ BUSINESS INTERESTS. ACCORDING LOPEZ, HE DECLINED REQUEST TO DELIVER PRO-NEW SOCIETY SPEECHES IN US BUT PROMISED TO PASS OUT GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS. DEPARTURE OF LOPEZ PERSONALLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT AND
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MRS. MARCOS. LATTER HAS HAD LONG STANDING AND BITTER

FEUD WITH EUGENIO. MRS. LOPEZ REMAINS IN PHILIPPINES, AND WE
ASSUME FORMER VICE PRESIDENT WILL RETURN. EUGENIO, JR#3;
OLDEST SON OF EUGENIO, SR., REMAINS IN DETENTION AT FORT
BONIFACIO.
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